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1. THE ARGENTINE TRAINING PROGRAM IS STILL SUFFERING FROM THE CUBAN SANCTIONS WHICH WERE IMPOSED IN JUNE 74 BUT LIFTED IN MAY 75 FOR ACTIONS OF A PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. BY THE TIME THE SANCTIONS WERE LIFTED LATE IN FY 75, ARG WAS PERMITTED TO USE ONLY \$100,000 OF AN APPROVED \$700,000 FOR THAT FY. OPERATING UNDER CRA IN FY 76, ARGENTINA WAS PERMITTED TO FUND ONLY \$314,000 OF A PROGRAMMED \$920,000. ARGENTINA WAS ALLOCATED \$80,000 FOR 7T VICE THE \$170,000 IN THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT(CPD). THE \$80,000 FOR 75 SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BASED ON ONE FOURTH OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR FY 76.

2. THE ARGENTINE TRAINING PROGRAM HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY UNDERFUNDED THREE YEARS CONSECUTIVELY WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING AND AFTER CONSIDERABLE JOINT PLANNING EFFORT BY THE AAF AND MILGP. THE SHORT NOTICES HAVE NOT GIVEN THE

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GOA TIME TO FULLY BUDGET FOR DESIRED TRAINING WHICH HAD TO

BE DROPPED FROM MAP PROGRAMS. IT HAS COST THE GOA MANPOWER BY SELECTING POTENTIAL STUDENTS, PLACING THEM IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR COURSES WHICH LATER ARE DROPPED FOR LACK OF FUNDS. THE GOA HAS PURCHASED SOME TRAINING UNDER FMS BUT HAS HAD TO DEFER OTHER ESSENTIAL COURSES DUE TO FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS.

3. THE CPD FOR IMET ARGENTINA FY 77 CONTAINED \$900,000 REQUEST THE FULL AMOUNT BE ALLOCATED TO RESTORE A REASONABLE TRAINING PROGRAM. THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO MODERNIZE ARMS AND EQUIPMENT ESPECIALLY IN AVIATION, THEREFORE, THEY NEED UPDATED TECHNICAL TRAINING ON SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING IN OPERATIONS AND DOCTRINE. IN ADDITION IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO CONTINUE THE PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE AAF AND THE US ARMED FORCES WHICH ATTENDANCE AT CAREER COURSES PROVIDES.
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